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Our interesting articles will continue in the next issue of the **TNA NEWS**. Send your stories in for the new section - "My Most Interesting Coin." We await them!

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REMEMBER - the of October is the deadline for the November issue of TNA NEWS

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE



July was a month of much personal pleasure and enjoyment. Our daughter, Lynceen, was home from Norway. She left August 3 for Stockholm, Sweden, where she will teach fifth grade in an American school. Pate retired on July 31 after 20 years at U.T. Health Center.

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The annual joint meeting of all clubs in District 3 was held in Abilene this year. The attendance was good and the fellowship the best.

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We have prevailed upon Dave Cervin of Amarillo to accept the chairmanship of our youth program. I know you have been reading his articles in the TNA NEWS for the past several months. Now Dave will need some help to get our program moving again. Also, he will assist you if you will ask him.

Ray Whyborn, due to unforeseen problems and responsibilities, has resigned as parliamentarian. We sure hate to lose Ray from the official family. Ellis Brooks of San Angelo has agreed to accept the responsibility of this office, for which we are very grateful.

Norma Mather, our ANA representative has resigned. Norma had accepted reappointment with great reluctance due to personal responsibilities. We do thank Norma for her devoted service for these past several years and we will miss her from the official family. We will

have an announcement soon as to the new ANA representative.

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There have been some very interesting and most educational articles in the TNA NEWS for the past many issues. One of these series deals with a relatively new field of numismatics to many of us, and I am sure all do not comprehend the value that is hidden there. Most of us began the hobby of collecting by sorting and looking at rolls and bags of coins. We were aware of the many mis-struck, cracked and clipped coins in a bag. We are now learning through these articles, written by Governor L. G. Davenport, that these are mint errors and also why and how they happen. If we are to enjoy our hobby, let us learn what it's all about. L. G., keep up the good work!

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To me the loss of a friend is a tragedy and I consider all the clubs in Texas my friends. When I hear that a club has voted to forego meetings with the idea of disbanding, I feel very sad, for I know those who founded and organized a club sacrificed so much time and effort to provide an organization for those in the area with a common interest. Now that these founders have had to give up the leadership (and work) for valid reasons, those who have enjoyed and profit-

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TOPICAL COLLECTING

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STARS ON COINS

The five-pointed star is the most widely used star in world coinage today, the only other star being one of six points. Since it is impossible to go into the detail of every world coin with a star in its design, I will limit this article to some general observations found in this topical theme.

In general terms, it would appear that the use of the five-pointed star in coin designs fall into five categories, one for each point. The first category to be discussed will be where the single star is the major design of one side. Following this will be where the design features many small stars, where small stars are used to separate portions of the overall design, where there is a small single star somewhere in the design and where the star or stars are used as symbols.

The first two coins to attract me to this topic were the Cuban Star Peso series from 1916-1934 and the Ghana 10 Shillings crown of 1958. These coins are also the reason why I have listed the single major star as the first category. I am certain that some of the readers will feel that some of the stars will fit into more than one category and this is correct. Although the Cuban Star peso features a large single star for its design, it would also be correct to list this coin under stars used as symbols as the star is a symbol of Cuba's bright future. Another series of single star designs are found in the early copper and copper-nickel coins of the Belgian Congo, minted



W. B. (Bill) SLATE

from 1887-1928 in values of one, two, five, ten and twenty centimes. Two other single star series are the Chile one half and the one centavos of 1835, 1851 and 1853 as well as the Russian silver 50 kopeck and one ruble issues of 1921 and 1922. One of the more unusual single star designs is the starfish coinage of Bahamas.

The second category has designs that feature many small stars. In this area, the stars are used as an ornamental design to encircle or outline a more major design, as with the Brazilian 1901 Reis series. In this series, the stars encircle the Miss Liberty design. Another example is found on the Bolivia 50-centavo coin of 1939 where we find only a partial encirclement with the stars. On the coinage of Switzerland's one-half, one and two franc series 1875-present, there are two arcs of stars to outline a central design. On the piastre series of Turkey there is a scalloped design surrounding the toughra and inside this design is

also a circle of stars.

A third category has small stars that are used to separate portions of the overall design. The design here will refer to the letters of the legend or motto or the figure of the value and date. Two examples of this style are found on the 1917 Uruguay peso. On the obverse are two small stars that are used to separate the date from the legend while the reverse has three small stars to separate the motto, value and the name Artigas. Generally speaking, this category will only have a very few stars on any one side of the design and sometimes they will be used in groups of two like the coinage of Nicaragua.

For the fourth category we find a small single star somewhere in the overall design. To choose an example I will again pick Cuba and this time the reverse of the 1952 commemorative issues where we find a star in a tree. There is also a small star near the forehead of Marti in the Cuba 1953 commemorative issues. Here again we might say that these stars belong in the symbolism category and this would also be correct. To choose a star not associated with symbolism we can go to Haiti and the silver issues of 1881-1895. On these coins the star is located top center on the obverse. Some other single stars are found on the coinage of Belgium 1880, 1944 2 Francs, Bulgaria 5 Stotinki 1951, 1962 as well as many other communist bloc countries, Eritrea 1890-1895, Italy 1691 500 Lire and Liberia

The last category of five pointed stars is symbols and here we have coins of Cuba, Philippines, United States and Uruguay to name a few. Since Cuba has been mentioned earlier, I will go to the Philippines while they were under United States sovereignty. During this time, the obverse of the Philippine coinage had the legend "United States of Ameri-

ca," at times the "S" mintmark of the San Francisco mint and the traditional eagle and shield of early U.S. coinage. The symbolism is found in the two rows of stars in the shield, 13 stars symbolizing our original 13 states. Our own coinage has many examples of the 13 stars and here the symbolism is covered both with five and six pointed stars. On the U.S. commemorative half dollar series we find symbolism in the number of stars to denote the numerical entry of a state into the Union. In the country of Uruguay, the group of 19 stars symbolizes the 19 states or areas of that country.

Brazil and New Zealand are the only two countries that have star designs in the shape of or a shape similar to constellation and both happen to use the Southern Cross. Brazil's constellation appears in the center obverse of the Reis series from 1889-1900 while New Zealand has it on the crown of 1949 and possibly on the crown of 1953.

The six-pointed star is usually referred to as the "Star of David" but in looking through the catalogues I do not see any on the coinage of Israel. The U.S. has used the six-pointed star on most of her coinage, the exceptions being the five-pointed stars on the Barber quarters, half dollars, Kennedy half dollar, Stellas and the commemorative half dollar series. Other designs of the six-pointed star are found in the coinage of British West Africa, Nigeria and Spain.

In some of the issues of Spain we find the catalog dates listed as 1870 (74) or 1953 (54). Here is where Spain has the unique way of using her six pointed star design. In the example of 1870 (74), the first date of 1870 is when the design first appeared and the 74 indicates that the true coin date is 1874 the 18 and

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TOPICAL STARS — One of the many topical collecting subjects is stars — little ones, big ones, singles, and in groups. The above photos show one large star on the Ghana 10 shillings 1958, Y-7; one small star, Liberia one dollar 1962, Y-17; three stars, Uruguay 1 peso 1917, Y-23; stars in a circular design, Uruguay 1 peso 1844 Montevideo, Y-10. The two bottom photos show an incused date on the 50 pesetas of Spain 1958, Y-120; symbolism, Uruguay 5 pesos 1965, Y-43; also symbolism on the Philippines 1 peso 1904, Y-21; and the Southern cross on the New Zealand 1 crown 1949, Y-21.

THE COLONIAL MINTS OF LATIN AMERICA

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MINOR MINTS OF COLONIAL COLOMBIA

The mint at Bogota was not the only mint which issued coins in colonial Colombia. In 1758 a Royal mint began issuing coins at Popayan. Popayan is situated in the Andes mountains 240 miles southwest of Bogota on an old trade route between Bogota and Quito, Ecuador. The Royal City of Popayan was founded by Sebastian de Balacazar in 1528 in a region where gold mines existed. Numerous petitions were made to the king of Spain for permission to open a mint at Popayan but it was not until June 29, 1729 that the king allowed local officials to open a mint. After numerous delays, the mint began striking coins in 1758. It was closed from 1763 to 1767 due to the influence of officials at Quito. The reasons for closing the mint were probably based on inter-city rivalry.

A mint was a symbol of prestige and an indication of the importance of a city. When the mint was reopened in 1767 it issued coins as a colonial mint of Spain until 1821. Both silver and gold were struck here, but silver issues are quite scarce, especially in collectable



Brent Brown

grades.

The coins issued by the mint at Popayan are similar to issues struck at other Spanish colonial mints. The silver coins of Popayan are all of the bust type. The portrait or bust of the current monarch appears on the obverse of the coin and the reverse of the coin consists of a large shield of the monarchs of Spain flanked by two pillars, the mint mark "P", the value of the coin (such as "8 R" which means 8 reales), and the initials of the two assayers who were responsible for the coin measuring up to established standards.

As mentioned above, silver issues from Popayan are scarce. One-half real coins were struck only in 1874 and in 1810. One-real coins were struck only in four years, two-real coins were struck only eight times, the eight reales were struck only ten times. In 1816, a one-quarter real coin or *cuartilla* was struck at Popayan. *Cuartillas* were of a different design than the larger value real coins. The reverse of the *cuartillas* have a rampant lion and the obverse displays a large castle, the value "1/4", the date and the mint mark.

Gold issues are similar in appearance to the silver issues. The only major difference between silver and gold issues is that the shield of the kings of Spain was modified and is

no longer flanked by two pillars. Gold was struck at Popayan in the values of 1, 2, 4 and 8 escudos.

Another major city of colonial Colombia was the town of Cartagena. This city was founded by Pedro de Heredia in 1533. It is believed that a concession to strike coins at Cartagena was granted to Alvaro Turrillo de Yerba in 1621. His unsuccessful attempts to strike coins may have been repeated by an unknown successor in 1655. A silver eight-real coin dated 1655 is believed to have been struck in Cartagena by this unknown individual. During the revolution against the Spanish, Republican forces struck crude copper coins at Cartagena. These coins were issued in values of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reales. The obverse of the coins in this series has the design of an Indian in the jungle and the reverse carries the value, date and the legend of the state of Cartagena. These coins were struck from 1811-1816.

A large series of republican coins was also struck in the state of Santa Marta. Copper $\frac{1}{4}$ real coins were also struck in 1813 and 1820-21. The 1813 series has a large "F VII" and the date on the obverse and a large "SM" and the Cross of Jerusalem on the reverse. The Cross of Jerusalem is an equal-arm cross which was part of the design of cob coins. The reverse of the 1820-21 series has a $\frac{1}{4}$ and the date. A silver two-real piece which resembles the copper pieces of 1820-21 was also issued in those two years.

Provincial coins were also struck in the states of Cundinamarca and Nueva Granada during the revolutionary period. The Cundinamarca issues were struck of silver in values of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reales during the period from 1814-16. The $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 real issues display a Liberty cap, date, and the value on the obverse and a Pomegranite (the symbol of

the province of Granada) on the reverse. The 2-reales issue has the legend "AMERICANA LIBERTAD" (liberated America), date and a bust of Liberty on the obverse. The reverse carries a large pomegranite, the value "2 R", the legend "NUEVA GRANADA - CUNDINAMARCA" and the assayer's initials. The issues struck at Nueva Granada are similar to those struck at Cundinamarca. The major difference being the omission of "CUNDINAMARCA" on the design of the two-reales issue. The Cundinamarca coins were struck from 1814-166 and the Nueva Granada issues were struck from 1819-21.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

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ed by the fruits of those efforts are unwilling to make some personal sacrifice to perpetuate the life of the club, so that future collectors will be able to profit by mature leadership.

By the time you read this, the ANA convention will have been held in Boston and six months of your TNA convention year will have passed. . . . If you have anything to bring before the TNA Board, let me know so that we can get it on the agenda. We will have the semi-annual meeting in Austin on Sunday, September 23.

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NUMISMATIC ERRORS

— A NEW FIELD —

Researched, Discussed & Presented

By: L. G. Davenport,
Edinburg, Texas

BY: MIRIAM GILMORE,
Guest Columnist

A national honor was placed on our TNA District Governor L. G. Davenport at the 7th annual convention of Numismatic Error Collectors of America held recently in California - he is now "KING OF ERRORS." This award, sponsored by Jane Goodman, can be won only one time and our L. G. (Leonard George to his non-friends) brought home this honor for himself, his community, TNA and the hobby itself. L. G. also placed first in the major-mint-error category with his popular "George Washington 'Slipped' Here" display - showing the many kinds of errors that crept out of the mint in the Washington quarter series.

Numismatic error collecting is gaining recognition in the hobby, and popularity with those seeking other than dates and mint marks. Much study and research goes into this new phase of collecting - how - why - these errors occur, and how they escape mint inspection upon releasing coins to the public. It has proved interesting to many collectors and the list is growing.

L. G. is the author of this monthly column and it is a pleasure to be a guest in writing this up for the September issue. L. G. has collected coins since 1949 until the time came when the cost of completing all of



L. G. Davenport

the series he had started became prohibitive. And there wasn't too much studying to do - and since L. G. is the kind of collector who devotes time to the how and why, he turned to numismatic errors - finding out what occurs to turn out such oddities. He became involved in this new field in the 1960's and is one of the most enthusiastic collectors I have ever met and shared the hobby with. He will talk on the subject at the "drop of a hat," works diligently promoting numismatics in his TNA district (14) and can be counted on to do anything anyone asks him to do which is connected with the numismatic hobby. He is presently serving on the NECA Board and is also publicity chairman for the organization. He is well known and well respected in the field.

L. G. reported to me his adventure to California and his complete surprise when he was named "KING OF ERRORS." The attendance at the two-day convention was so great, they could not register all of the guests. The association supplied an authentication table (which was free to the public) and many errors were looked over during convention time. About 60 dealers were in attendance and sales included half mint errors and half regular coinage. Many of the leaders in the field were present including about four or five from Texas including Martin Rittenhouse and wife from Corpus Christi. Martin is a direct descendent of David Rittenhouse, first director of the U.S. mint.

About 25 exhibits were placed in the special exhibit room and one our stand display included four errors

provided by the United States General Services Administration featuring errors discovered during the selecting of the Carson City silver dollars which were recently offered to the public on bids.

We congratulate L. G. and thank him for putting Texas and TNA on the numismatic map by being named "KING OF ERRORS."

TNA Convention Chairmen Named

Chris Jasso, general chairman for the 1974 Texas Numismatic Association convention, announced some of the committee chairman to be serving for the event.

Robert Astrich was named bourse chairman and may be reached at Box 2693, Houston 77001. Mrs. Charlotte Nichols will be in charge of exhibits and anyone wishing to obtain an application blank, may contact her at Box 659, Kenedy 78119. R. E. Bonilla, Box 42480, Houston 77042, will serve as publicity chairman.

The spring event will be held at the Rice Hotel in Houston and will be hosted by the Greater Houston Coin Club. The dates are April 26, 27 and 28.

From 1875 until 1878, the United States issued a silver 20 cent piece. This coin never became popular because its size was so close to that of the quarter dollar that the two denominations were easily confused. There is only one type of this coin, a seated Liberty with an eagle on the reverse. The 1876-CC specimen is extremely rare, as are proof coins of the last two years of issue. Since the 20 cent piece was never distributed in large amounts, any specimen has some special value.



KING OF ERRORS — L. G. Davenport is not a man who makes a lot of mistakes, although he was designated "KING OF ERRORS" at the recent convention of NUMISMATIC ERROR COLLECTORS OF AMERICA held in California. Davenport collects them! The large trophy, which stands over 4' tall is the grand award given for the best exhibit of numismatic errors. In addition, he won the other trophy by placing first in major errors. Davenport is serving on the board of governors for Texas Numismatic Association and also for NECA.

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THE LAND OF ISRAEL

By: KEN HEDGES,
INTERCOIN

The land of Israel, one of the oldest cultural areas in the world, is yet a comparatively young nation. The history of modern Israel begins with the British campaign against Turkey in World War I, which culminated in the British mandate over Palestine in 1920. The country was an area of strife between the Arabs and the Jews. The incessant demands of the Jews for a Jewish state were met in 1947 when the United Nations created the division of Palestine into two nations of Israel and Jordan, but only after fierce fighting between Jewish and Arab troops.

Israel celebrated its 15th anniversary in 1963 as an independent nation. The joy of collecting Israeli numisma is enhanced by the fact that it is still comparatively easy to acquire a complete set of Israeli coins, currency and government-authorized medals.

The coinage of Palestine and Israel since World War I can be divided into three major categories: the Palestinian coinage, the early Israeli coinage and the modernistic coinage of Israel today.

The Palestinian coinage began in 1927, and was continued until 1947, with no change in type throughout the series. Regular issue of Israeli coinage from 1948 to the mid-1950's was somewhat conventional in design, with themes taken from ancient Jewish coinage. Common designs include the palm tree, the lyre, pomegranates and grapes. For example, the 500 prutah design of three stylized pomegranates was taken from the silver shekel of the Jewish First Revolt (66-70 A.D.). The common reverse design for this period incorporates the value within a wreath.

It has been said that Israel is the

only country today with original coin design. A hasty thumbing through of the reliable Yeoman's "Brown Book" will convince most that this is certainly true. The rich simplicity and modern design of Israeli coins seem to set them apart from the more conventional coinage of the modern world.

Beginning in 1958, the Tenth Anniversary of Israel, the Israeli government has issued a commemorative 5-pound coin each year. These coins are beautiful pieces, extremely thick and heavy, which have the appearance of a medal rather than a commemorative coin.

The obverse of the 1958 anniversary coin pictures a stylized Menorah (7-branched candlestick) within an incuse square. The reverse, which is similar on subsequent issues, bears the value and identifying inscription. The coin was struck in the Netherlands mint.

In 1959, the theme was the "Ingathering of the Exiles," and the design was a circle of dancing children, symbolizing the return to the homeland. This issue was a product of the Swiss Federal mint.

Theodor Herzl, founder of the World Zionist Movement, was honored on the Twelfth Anniversary coin in 1960. This coin is unusual in that most of the field is plain, with a small portrait of Herzl within an incuse square at the upper right, and the identifying legend at the lower edge. A 20-pound denomination in gold also was struck with the same design and both were the work of the Swiss Federal mint.

The Bar Mitzvah (13th year) of the State of Israel was commemorated on the 1961 5-pound coin picturing the Ark of the Covenant which contains the scrolls of the law (Torah). For the first time, the reverse also bore a design—a stylized road tree, of an olive branch, the international symbol

of peace.

The 1963 issue of this series commemorates the Industrialization of the Negev, an area in southern Israel where oil was found in 1955 and which is becoming increasingly important in the economy of Israel. The obverse depicts a steam shovel against a background of the Negev hills and the reverse portrays an industrial tower, again in a simple and uncluttered design.

Each of these silver coins weighs 25 grams and measures 34 millimeters in diameter. The series is a beautiful addition to any coin collection.

Israel also has struck regularly since 1958, a yearly 1-pound commemorative in copper-nickel. The series was interrupted in 1959, but two were struck in 1960. The 1958 piece was a Tenth Anniversary coin, followed in 1960 by one commemorating Deganya, one of the more famous of Israel's kibbutzim or frontier settlements, and another honoring Henrietta Szold, one of Israel's zealous educational reformers and organizer of the HADASSAH, the Women's Zionist Organization. The 1961 issue is in commemoration of the battle in 162 B.C. between the Maccabee, and the Seleucides in which Elazar Horan, brother of Judah the Maccabee, gave his life in solitary combat against the royal elephant of Lycias, the Seleucide general. The event, in which Elazar was crushed to death by the falling elephant, is depicted on the coin within an incuse pentagon. This coin was struck by the Netherlands mint.

Another interesting issue is the shekel or half pound, issued each year since 1961 on the occasion of the Feast of Purim, which celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from the machinations of Haman, as narrated in the Biblical Book of Esther. This coin bears a representation of the ancient Jewish shekel.

We must mention the minor Israeli

pieces — the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 agurot coins. These also bear the symbolic designs derived from ancient coins (lyre, palm, wheat beards and pomegranates) but here they are part of a modernistic design within an incuse square. The one-agura piece is scalloped; the others are round. Even in the minor coinage we can see that Israel has fair claim to outstandingly original numismatic design.

Each year, Israel issues an impressive array of commemorative coins and medals of refreshingly original design appearing in silver, cupronickel and a few in gold. Each of the coins bear a particular theme and the 5-pound proof silver struck after 1958 are marked with a tiny Hebrew "M" for "Meyuchad" meaning "Special." Each 5-pound coin has an incuse edge inscription alluding to the year of independence for which it was issued except the 1959 issue, on which the inscription is raised. The edges of the 1-pound coins are plain.

E Pluribus Unum

This motto, a Latin phrase meaning "ONE OUT OF MANY," was first used in 1795 on the reverse of the United States gold five-dollar coin. It was taken from the Great Seal of the U.S. and has appeared on many of the coins in the past. The phrase is now required by law to appear on all our coins. Originally this motto was on some of the coins struck by the colonists and was later used in the Great Seal to mean one nation made up of many smaller parts, or states. The motto now appears on the reverse side of each of our coins.

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NUMISMATIC QUIZ!

(Answers Elsewhere In This Issue.)

- 1 What English adjective originally referred to a coin?
- 2 How much is a gold talent?
- 3 What is a becker?
- 4 What is a Kettle?
- 5 Is there such a thing as prison money?
- 6 Why is a quarter dollar called "two bits?"
- 7 What is a restrike?
- 8 What is PW money?
- 9 What is hogge money?
- 10 What is the origin of the phrase "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute?"
- 11 What is a Levant Thaler?
- 12 When were coins first counterfeited?
- 13 What is FEI?
- 14 Is it legal to photograph coins or paper money?
- 15 Is there any specific reason why we do not change the design of our coins as frequently as do foreign countries?
- 16 What is a racketeer nickel?



TOPICAL COLLECTING—

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74 being incused into two little stars.

It is possible to create an exhibit of stars on coins but in doing so you must be very careful of the title. From my own experience, I found that to exhibit stars I was going against the normal grain of exhibiting. I say this because I tried to show the basic idea of the designs and in doing so I left out a

lot of extra additional information on the individual coins. Even though the exhibit had originality, I lost many points on basic numismatic information. This particular numismatic information was not really pertinent to the overall idea I was trying to express so I left it out, and the judges left off my points too. The TNA judging scoresheet is a very useful tool to use in planning an exhibit so use it to your advantage, I have on other occasions

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JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

BY: DAVE CERVIN,
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TNA Youth Chairman

By now the first returns are in, and, as you might suspect, the first winners are local. In a month or two we should be hearing from juniors elsewhere in Texas.

Our first winner of a Roman coin is Alan Garret, a 14-year-old lad who is moving fast in the field of numismatics. Last year he was pinch-hitter as secretary of the Amarillo Coin Club when the duly elected officer moved away from Amarillo. This year he was unanimously elected as official secretary and truly a yeoman job he is doing. He is already concocting new methods of attracting interest in regular monthly meetings through his thoughtful approach in his printed announcements. For this he has earned a coin of Aurelian Antoninus. (270-275.)

Our second winner is Linda Rumble who is just ten years old. She gave the monthly club program in May, selecting the somewhat unusual topic (to most of us) of silver bars. She astonished most of her listeners by pointing out that some silver bars only a couple of years old have more than trebled in value. Her interest is such that she eagerly looks for additions to her collection on Christmas and at birthdays. Hopefully one might show up at some special holiday, and she doesn't care which. To express it mildly, Linda would much prefer a silver bar to any amount of fireworks on the Fourth of July! Linda was awarded a coin of Constantine the Great (307-337).

A third coin was awarded, again to our stellar performer Alan Garrett.

This time he spoke on probably his favorite subject (and he has more than one), confederate money. In fact at the recent summer show of the Amarillo club, he won top junior honors with his exhibit. For Alan's talk he earned a coin of Constantius II, one of three ruling sons of Constantine the Great. Constantius ruled from 337-361.

The Amarillo club sees a big future in Alan as nominee for Texas Junior of the Year. And it looks like he has bigger things coming up. Nor should this be inferred that Linda is out of the running. Actually give her a couple of more years and she may be unstoppable. In both cases, they have each given programs though previous to the announcement of earning awards for doing this. Incidentally, how many clubs in Texas have juniors exceeding the accomplishments of Allen and Linda? No doubt there are some, and that is what this column is all about. Let's hear from these clubs.

Now you might say, and with considerable fairness, "Look, no matter what you say, I just can't give a program. I can't even discuss a slide program, and I am certainly not of club officer material. What opportunity do I have to earn a Roman coin?"

Well, first of all, I don't buy these arguments. But let's accept them anyway. There are other ways to earn coins and they will be discussed next month. So watch for this column next month.

(EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the first in a series of "My Most Interesting Coin." We invite you to participate and tell us of your little treasure. Send your articles to the Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596.)

MY MOST INTERESTING COIN

By: **BILL DOYLE,**
Edinburg, Texas

In coin collecting, there are valleys and peaks. Time tends to soften the monotony and dejectedness of the valleys composed of countless hours of fruitless pursuit of that certain coin, that treasure at the end of the rainbow. Hope springs eternal in the human breast but many times my hopes have lost their spring when I have read how "Joe Blow" found this, that and the other. Who does Joe think he is? Am I not as deserving as he?

My Creator has been kinder and more generous to me than I deserve. Among my better finds have been two 1916-D Mercury dimes, numerous 1921 dimes, one three-legged Buffalo nickel and numerous keys and semi-key coins of various denominations. Each of these discoveries was a

thrill and a feeling of pride, but the climax came very unexpectedly as to time and place.

As principal of an elementary school, I had to bank the cafeteria receipts as well as the activity fund receipts, since I had to disburse and keep books on both accounts. It was my habit to wait until five o'clock in the evening to count and wrap the day's receipts. My routine was to go through all of the coins, putting aside the ones that were "keepers" as well as some for a second look.

I was following routine procedure and nonchalantly tossed aside a 1918 Buffalo nickel. Suddenly I had a strong impulse like 500 volts in the seat of the pants—pant! pant! You guessed it—a 1918 over 17 in fine condition which is uncirculated now since it has had no circulation since!



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NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHIER
A.N.A. Representative
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Youth isn't always a matter of years. A senior citizen can very well be young in the hobby. The "Young Numismatist Correspondence Course" in 15 chapters, each in a separate booklet, written by as many recognized



Norma Mathier

authorities in their several fields, and edited by Maurice M. Gould, is a compendium intended to "survey the many aspects of numismatics and, using question and answer techniques, re-inforce the information."

Buying, selling, trading, exhibiting, grading, numismatic economics, books, supplies, modern coins, paper money, U.S. commemoratives, medals and tokens are some of the topics dealt with. ANA Governor Ken Hallenbeck Jr., chairman of the Young Numismatist program, chose photographs included with the material.

More than 3000 sets have been tentatively ordered. The course is described as "the lowest-cost method of numismatic education ever conceived." Gov. Hallenbeck reports that approximately 30 administrators will regionally grade lessons for students in their general areas.

As the title indicates, the course was planned primarily with juniors in mind but it is not limited to them. Prices will be as follows: \$15 for adults, non-ANA members, \$10 for adults, ANA members, \$6 for juniors, non-ANA members, \$4 for juniors, ANA members. Applications are available from ANA headquarters, Box

2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901.



AND - for the advanced student - "The best available collection of Mexican paper money for research purposes in the United States is now in the vaults of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs," reports ANA president Pittman. Rated as one of the two finest Mexican bank-note collections in the U.S., developed over a decade by William T. Hooten, it includes nearly 2000 different notes estimated to be worth \$100,000. Renato Ruiz, El Paso Coin Co., purchased the collection in order to donate it to ANA. With the Kenneth Keith collection of Mexican coins and medals the ANA museum now offers the researcher, cataloguer and student access to Mexican numismatic material not available anywhere in the U.S. - and a couple of Texans made it possible!



The above are just two reasons I'm excited about ANA and the value of membership therein.

This is my "swan song." It has been a privilege to serve as liaison person between TNA and ANA the past 4½ years and I'll miss greeting you regularly through this column but its time for a change; personal responsibilities make it wise.

My warm good wishes to everyone of you - happy and profitable hunting!



There is no man who is above being wrong or above the moral responsibility of admitting it. —Richard Evans.



Things can not always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity and consume your own

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THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR



EDITOR

Our plans are complete for the TNA FOUNDERS' REUNION to be held during the 1974 TNA convention in Houston at the Rice Hotel. The event will be a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27. This will be a "Dutch Treat" affair and the tickets are \$5.00 each. Chris Johns (who has done a fine job assisting in the planning) and I tried to keep the cost to a minimum, but by the time we selected the menu and the hotel added the tax and their "gratuities" - the price went up! We have planned lots of entertainment for the oldtimers and some lucky ones will receive prizes. We hope all can attend - everyone is invited - just let us know no later than April 15, 1974. Tickets will be available shortly and you may write either me or Chris, Box 90156, Houston 77090.



Are you giving thought to exhibiting at the Houston convention? We have so many nice awards for exhibitors plus added winnings in special categories - the Harvey Bruns award for the best Mexican coin exhibit; the Frank O'Sullivan award for the best ancient coin display; the Wm. A. Philpott award, best in currency; and the new one coming up - the A. I. Martin Memorial award for the most outstanding display depicting the story of the "Old West." Make an extra effort to vie for one or all of those

honors.

TNA makes annual awards too - the Lewis Reagan Memorial award going to the TNA member having done the most to promote numismatics in Texas; for the best article published in the TNA NEWS, there is the Kalvert K. Tidwell Literary award; the VIP award for signing up the most new members during the year; the Golden Bullet award for outstanding performance by a Texas police officer in solving coin robberies; and then clubs are honored with the Club Salute contest award. That contest is the easiest one to enter! Rules were published in the August issue of the TNA NEWS and will be carried monthly. We hope all of our Texas clubs send in an entry.



Many thanks to James Hogue of Levelland who wrote - "Just wanted to drop you a line about the July issue of TNA NEWS. It is the most outstanding issue I have seen. The quality and interest of the magazine have improved much lately with the latest issue. There is something of interest to almost everyone - medieval, errors, club news, topical collecting. I want to personally, as just an average member of TNA, thank you for a job well done." Well, Jim, there are many people behind me to make the above possible - couldn't do it without all of our contributors - report

from LCdr C. C. Andrews, TNA District 5 governor, always sound good - "I'm continuing the campaign for new members and find the TNA NEWS very useful in selling the idea of membership in the association."



About our officers Jerry Williams of Beaumont, who is acting governor for District 15, has been collecting coins for the past ten years. He is a life member of TNA and ANA, is a member of the Beaumont Coin Club, Greater Port Arthur Coin Club and the Society of Paper Money Collectors. He has held down many club duties such as president, vice president, program chairman, TNA representative, membership chairman, coin show chairman - I could use another page to describe his many numismatic activities. TNA is proud to have workers like Jerry our TNA first vice president is a busy man too - Col. Charles A. Wingo retired from the U.S. Army to devote his time to the hobby. He has served as district governor for TNA, club president and TNA representative, takes part in District 5 club activities and is a well known exhibitor, writer and speaker on U.S. paper money. TNA is lucky to have him too.



This month we welcome back Brent Brown, author of "The Colonial Mints of Latin America." Brent wrote that he was preparing for a trip to Yucatan, Mexico and will gather more material for his interesting specialty. He has devoted a lot of time in researching the old mints and our reading audience missed his articles while he was out of the state on business. Dave Cervin will be with us again in October with his "Earliest Anno Domini Dated Coins." Dave begged off for this month due to pressing activities.



One man figures the value of our

dollar is still dropping - he dropped a dollar bill on the sidewalk and he was arrested for littering . . . adios and thirty

NEWS ROUNDUP — ANA —

(Continued from page 17)

smoke with an extra draught of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints. — Sir William Ousler.

WOODEN NICKELS

The expression "Don't take any wooden nickels," is familiar to everyone. Few collectors realize that wooden nickels were actually used as legal tender and a group of these items make a most interesting numismatic collection.

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Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower's visit to Denison to dedicate the statue of her grandfather-in-law was a great success except for what I considered to be one small event for mankind but one big event for me!

Julie arrived as scheduled, and promptly stole the hearts of all those present. She is a beautiful woman, with a warm, vivacious personality. The high esteem in which she holds the office of the U. S. presidency, and the pride she feels for her father and grandfather-in-law was reflected in the sincere manner and thoughtful remarks she made during her dedication address and during the press conference.

Because the house in which Dwight D. Eisenhower was born is quite small, it was necessary to limit the number of people who could accompany Julie while she toured the interior. Among those present was yours truly and the official photographer. Julie appeared to enjoy and appreciate my "Eisenhower Numismatic History" exhibit and graciously consented to autograph the envelope containing the 1971 Ike 40 silver dollar that was post marked on Ike's birthday, October 14, 1971, just a few days after the first dollar was issued. As she did so, the photographer took a picture of this important numismatic-philatelic event, but— you guessed it— of the dozens of pictures he took during the program, this was the one that failed to register properly. I've con-

soled myself with the thought that if something just had to go wrong, I'm glad that this was it because I was probably the only one present who appreciated the importance of the event!

My coin show visits during July were very limited but I did manage to go to a fine show held by the Garland Coin Club. Exhibit chairman George F. Johnson let me show off my newly acquired Julie autograph with my "Ike" exhibit and the club ladies had their delicious home made sandwiches available again. District Governor LCdr. C. C. Andrews was there at a table busily boosting TNA and taking membership applications. Congratulations are in order to this fine club, headed by President Bob Hewgley, its other very able leaders and active membership. Also to LCdr. Andrews who is really working for our TNA.

Being at the Garland show prevented me from attending the District III meeting held in Abilene on July 15. District Governor Bob Neely is another one of our new governors and I know you are going to be hearing a lot of good things from his district. Sorry I couldn't be there.

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From the
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Fred Clark
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As summer vacations are upon us, it is beholding to the ones at home to work a bit harder to keep the coin clubs active. What better time to visit your neighbor club and sign up a new member for TNA? Have you got your one new member for TNA this year? It is the goal of TNA that each member sign at least one new member for this year. Why stop there? Sign all you can and be the winner of the VIP AWARD! This is something that is really worth working for. Right now there are several members in the running for this award. Who will be the winner come convention time next spring?

DISTRICT GOVERNORS—are you able to visit with the clubs in your district? **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**—are you keeping your district governor and the TNA NEWS informed of your club activities? Only by communication can a state organization such as ours grow and continue to be active. Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and keep the wheel of progress turning.

District meetings benefit TNA. You would be surprised at the good and the amount of fun you can get from attending a joint meeting of all the coin clubs in a given district. You will see friends from your area who are interested in the same thing as you. An auction or trading session is a good way to spend a Sunday afternoon or evening during the

week if clubs are close enough that the trip home will not be a bad one. If your district is not already doing this, help get one started. You will be glad you did.

One last thing before closing. The reason this page has been missing the last few months is because I have been putting close to 10,000 miles per month on the job, or in another light, close to 15 hours a day, six and seven days a week on the job. Not much time left for the hobby. It should be better in the coming days and I hope I won't miss any more issues. "Thanks."

ETHIOPIA COIN

When Italy gained control of Ethiopia's outlet to the Red Sea in the late 1880's this coastal land became an Italian colony under the name of Eritrea. The Italians set out to issue a coinage for this territory, and since the currency then accepted in Ethiopia was the Austrian Maria Theresa taler of 1780, the new Italian unit was called a tallero equal to five lire. The first issue of the series, dated 1890, bears the crowned head of King Umberto I on one side, with the Italian eagle and the value on the other. Other values struck include one and two lire coins, and a 50 cent simi piece. These were all silver coins dated variously between 1890 and 1896.

from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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OCTOBER 13-14

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OCTOBER 20-21

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, 12th annual show, Memorial Coliseum, Corpus Christi. For information write club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415.



OCTOBER 21

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NOVEMBER 3-4

TEXOMALAND COIN & STAMP CLUB, annual show, Silver Wings Club, Grayson County Airport, between Denison / Sherman. **WRITE:** Col. Chas. A. Wingo, Box 854, Denton 75020

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT ONE:

The Mineral Wells Coin Club now has a new meeting place - the southeast room of the North Oak Community Center Bldg. The July meeting was held in the new location.

A White Elephant auction was held with proceeds to be used to help defray club expenses. Special prizes were won by A. O. Thomas, Gerald Sparks, Michael Holub and Mr. Mc-



Everett Hull
Governor

Clish. Fifteen were present.—Hellen Rust, Reporter.



Mrs. Hellen Rust gave a report on her recent visit to Canada at the July meeting of the Graham Stamp & Coin Club. Numismatic sidelights covered included a visit to the Denver mint, then on to Canada. She changed money on the state side as Canada charges 10 per cent to exchange money. However, American coins are accepted on both sides of the border, Mrs. Rust said.

Mrs. Rust arrived home with many medals commemorating states and other items she purchased on the trip.—Hellen Rust, Reporter.

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DISTRICT THREE:

Plans were completed for the annual coin show to be hosted on September 8-9 by the **San Angelo Coin Club** at the July meeting with 37 attending at the Town House Motor Hotel. Bob Neeley is show chairman and members heard committee reports.



Bob Neely
Governor

Joe B. Davis, past president from Corpus Christi, was present and spoke to the group on the organization of TNA and that the West Texas area was one of the strongest in TNA. Three of the organization's presidents have come from the West Texas area and also other TNA officers. He also talked on the gold situation and that all should be very careful in buying gold that could be counterfeit.
—Bill Lee, Reporter.



DISTRICT FOUR:

Robert Schuetze was to be the speaker at the July meeting of the **Waco Coin Club** which meets at the Texas Power & Light Center at 3600 Franklin Ave.



Keith Johnson
Governor

Bourse tables are available without charge at the meetings—J. P. Jones, Sec.



There were 20 members and guests present for the July meeting of the **Austin Coin Club**. A discussion and explanation of the gold system was held with members participating.

Progress reports were heard on the annual Money Mart to take place on

September 22-23 at the Stephen F Austin Hotel—Lyman C. Barte, Sec.



DISTRICT FIVE:

A report on the first numismatic study exchange with the USSR was to be given at the July meeting of **Numismatics International of Dallas**.



C. C. Andrews
Governor

W. E. Anderson, Irving Berlin and Elmore Scott were to be in charge of the program.—**Club Bulletin**.



LCdr. C. C. Andrews presented the new ANA slide program on crown sized coins of Afghanistan - Italy, at the July meeting of the **Dallas Coin Club**. The program was well received and all comments were favorable according to the report.

Twenty-seven members and guests met in the English Room at the Baker Hotel—LCdr. C. C. Andrews, Sec.



Slides on Chinese coins were shown to 21 members of **Hunt County Coin Club** of Greenville at the July meeting held at Farmers Electric Bldg. Club President Pemberton was in charge of the program and explained and described the coins covering 1931 to 1964.—Andra Lamm, Sec.



October 13-14 are the dates selected by members of the **Paris Coin Club** for the annual show which will be held at the Paris Junior College ballroom. Final plans will be announced soon.

Thirty six attended the July meeting held at the Gibraltar Hotel in Paris.

In June, TNA Governor of District 5, LCdr. C. C. Andrews visited the club and discussed his interest in

collecting coins with ship designs. At a previous meeting, coins from the late Dr. Robinson estate were auctioned. Dr. Robinson was a well known surgeon of Paris—Yvonne W. Gray, Sec.



The Garland Coin Club presented exhibitors at the July coin show with a Texas Ranger commemorative medal in a presentation holder and those exhibiting included Homer Brooks, Barr currency; John Pace, love tokens; George Johnson, silver bars; Bob Hewgley, early Texas currency; gold, Frances O. Langdon; Col. Chas. A. Wingo, fractional currency; and Tom Bain, Red Seal U.S. notes.

Ray Holt was general chairman for the show assisted by Tom Bain, bourse, and George Johnson, exhibits. There were 28 dealers and 510 registered guests. Canadian \$1 bills were

given as attendance prizes.

Mayor Don Raines accepted the trophies, won by the club for exhibiting their collection of the Republic of Texas currency, on behalf of the City of Garland. Presentation was made by Bob Hewgley, club president.

At the June meeting held at Garland Lion's Club building, Col. Chas. A. Wingo, TNA first vice president, spoke on fractional currency and showed an extensive collection of the items. Bob Hewgley was in charge of the program for July and spoke on early Texas money.—Frances O. Landon, Reporter.



DISTRICT SIX:

Announcement has been made by the Pasadena Coin Club that the 13th annual Gulf Coast coin show will be held October 20-21 at 500 Gulfgate Mall located at the corner of the



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In charge of bourse will be Armando Ellena, 1309 Acacia Dr., Pasadena 77502.—Armando Ellena, Reporter.



The regular meeting of the **Galveston County Coin Club** was held in July in Texas City. Mrs. Christine Richardson had the program and spoke on the Liberty V nickels telling the story of the coins from 1883 to 1912. She had a complete set to show along with a Shield nickel, Buffalo and one of the "Racketeer" nickels. Mrs. Richardson also had some of the 1973-D Jefferson five-cent pieces showing full steps.

It was reported that F. J. McMillan of Beaumont had died. He was a longtime friend to the club members.

Ruby Threlkeld gave several "Did You Know" topics on numismatics and announced that she planned to attend the ANA convention in Boston during August.

Claude Ressler will show a film at the August meeting. Silver dollars were presented to Mrs. Richardson and Ressler. Mrs. Threlkeld received a 1970 mint set.—Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.



DISTRICT SEVEN:

July meetings of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio included "Share a Coin Meeting" - with each member bringing their favorite coin and sharing the reasons for it being "the" favorite. Later in the month a pot luck supper and games night was held.

Programs planned for August were a talk on medals of Europe by Tom Crum, a quiz and the monthly auction.

It was noted that Marcus Brown would be attending the ANA convention in Boston. —Club Bulletin.

DISTRICT EIGHT:

At the July 3 meeting of the **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi John Allen presented the program and mentioned some of the questions he is asked in his coin shop. Some of the questions were -

"What is the oldest coin made?" - A coin struck in Lydia made of electrum. The first United States coin was the half dime minted in 1792. "How can you sell a coin 2,000 years old so cheap?" - Supply and demand determine value and there are not so many collectors of ancient coins as modern-day coins. "What are silver certificates worth?" - Ordinary circulated silver certificates are worth only face value with crisp bills worth about 35% over face value. There are some of the older issue silver certificates worth more.

Lee Grossman of San Antonio was a guest at the July 17 meeting. He reported that the **Gateway Coin Club** would probably have to disband since at present it has been meeting on Lackland Field and was set up so that only military personnel could hold office. He stated that the club might be re-organized off base so that all members of the club would be eligible to hold office.—Club Bulletin.



Members of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** voted to suspend meetings for the remainder of the summer with the next regular session being held September 4.

W. C. Williams of Wichita Falls, TNA governor of District 13, met with the 14 members present and spoke on a wide range of subjects beginning



John C. Face
Governor

with the good things gained from TNA on down to the current problem of whizzed coins

At a previous meeting Charles V. Berger gave a program on Texas transportation tokens. Twelve members attended —John C. Face, Gov. Dist. 8.



DISTRICT NINE:

Max Steger reported on his son's (Bryan) trip to the ANA seminar and a visit to the ANA museum as a guest of Richard Long, curator, at the July meeting of the **Levelland Coin Club**. Five attended the meeting



D. O. Joplin
Governor

D. O. Joplin gave a report on the **Lamb County Coin Club** write-up in the TNA NEWS. The club had placed second in the TNA 1972 Club Salute contest. He also asked members to write the editor regarding the improvement and growth of the TNA NEWS.

A roll of 1964 Canadian silver dollars were purchased to be given as attendance prizes —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Fifteen were present for the July meeting of the **Lamb County Coin Club** held in the Roddy Room in Littlefield. D. O. Joplin read the Club Salute write-up which was published in the TNA NEWS. The club had won second place.

Gun Clark gave a program on coin becoming and a demonstration with a detector.

The annual coin show was planned for November 4 at the Community Center, El Paso. Mr. Joplin will chair and will give address at Box 307

Littlefield 79339.—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



Election of new officers and a coin show were on the agenda for the July meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. The group of 18 met at the First Federal Savings & Loan building.

R. L. Marshall was elected president, Max Steger, vice president; and Floyd Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

Steger reported on the progress of the annual show which will be held December 8-9 at the Johnson House Motel. Information may be obtained by writing to the club at Box 106, Lubbock 79408. He also reported that membership stood at 55 and that 125 meeting announcements were sent each month.

Larry McKinney told of his trip to the middle East - Rome, Egypt, Lebanon, Cypress, Turkey and other places where he was able to buy some ancient coins. —D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.



DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

The **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** met July 12 at the YMCA with Rev. E. B. Poore, president, conducting the meeting.

An auction of stamps and coins was conducted by Rev. Poore and Logan Essex. "Not gold" —German

1914 100 mark paper money was sold. Not money but a pipe was exhibited and discussed by Capt. Eugene G. Jones of **Shepherd Air Force Base**.

Mrs. Woody Elyon and Mr. Paul Hoots served refreshments. The members and guests —Mrs. G. M. Howard Publicity.



W. C. Williams
Governor

DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

Slides taken at the National Error Collectors of America convention held in California recently were shown by L. G. Davenport, who attended and also won the grand exhibit award "King of Errors" and first place in the major error category, at the July meeting of South Texas Error Club. The meeting was held at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr.

—Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.



L. G. Davenport
Governor

L. G. Davenport had charge of the program at the August 2 meeting of the Hidalgo Coin Club meeting held at Chisum's Rock & Hobby Shop in Pharr at which time he showed slide pictures of a trip to Washington, D.C. which he recently made. He toured the Bureau of Engraving & Printing and reported on the production of paper money.

Miriam Gilmore is preparing an exhibit featuring a Mexican coin of Hidalgo for which the County of Hidalgo was named. It will be presented to the Hidalgo County Museum in Edinburg in the name of the club. The club already has an extensive collection of coins at the museum which were donated several years ago.—Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.

DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

Jerry Williams, president of the Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, appointed Molly Gerald to be in charge of the Club Salute contest entry for 1973. This award is given annually at the TNA convention and the Beaumont Coin Club placed third for 1972.

Molly and Gary Gerald gave a report of their vacation spent in Wash-

ington, D.C. and showed pictures taken during the trip.

Mrs. Bettie Ford volunteered to prepare copies of the club Constitution and By-laws for each member.—Club Bulletin.

The "Red Carpet" will be rolled out September 15-16 for visitors to the Beaumont Coin Club's 14th annual show to be held at the Red Carpet Inn. A special attraction will be the three rarest, most famous and most



Jerry Williams
Governor

sought after United States coins in existence today - the 1804 silver dollar, 1894-S dime and 1913 Liberty nickel. Jerry Williams is general chairman assisted by Carl Heartfield, bourse; Victor Butts, exhibits; C. L. Babcock, publicity; and Shirley Williams, registration.

The July meeting was held at the First Security National Bank Bldg. — Club Bulletin.

EVENTS CALENDAR —

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NOVEMBER 4

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Community Bldg., Littlefield. WRITE: Club, Box 307, Littlefield 79339.

DECEMBER 8-9

SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB, annual show, Johnson House Motel. WRITE: Club, Box 106, Lubbock 79408.

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NUMISMATIC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The word is "picayune" which will be found in any modern English dictionary. Its meaning is Little, Worthless, Mean or Cheap. Originally it was of French origin, referring to a small French coin called a "pieaillon." The Creoles of early Louisiana used the term, but corrupted it to picayune. They used this word when referring to the Spanish-American (Mexican) half-real coin that circulated in that part of the country. Later, when this territory became part of the United States, the small silver half dimes were also called picayunes. Today this word is accepted as a good English adjective.

2. At a time when coinage was in its infancy, many of the commercial transactions were completed in gold or silver by weight. The dictionary defines a talent as a unit of weight with a minimum of 58 pounds. The U.S. government buys gold at \$35 an ounce. At this buying price, one talent of gold is worth a minimum of \$32,480.

3. A German by the name of Carl Wilhelm Becker (1772-1830) coined forgeries of ancient Greek and Roman gold coins. His workmanship was excellent, and many went into coin collections as authentic pieces. Today a recognized forgery of an ancient gold coin of good workmanship is referred to as a Becker, regardless of whether or not it can be attributed to Carl Becker.

4. These are brass tokens that were struck to look like the U.S. and British gold coins. We do not consider them to be counterfeits because the artist plainly placed his name (Kettle) on each piece. The general belief today is that the discs were manufactured as play money or poker chips by the firm of Kettle & Son of Birmingham, England in

the early part of the 19th century.

5. Yes, in 1915 the Sing Sing Prison issued tokens with a value of 1, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents and notes with a value of 1, 5 and 10 dollars as well. These all bore the slogan "Do Good — Make Good Sing Sing Prison" and the initials MWL for the Mutual Welfare League that issued them. Prisoners were paid \$1 a day for their labor. They could use the token money to buy items at the Welfare League store in prison. All items had to be paid for with at least 50 per cent token money, while the balance could be paid for with real currency. The reason for this was to reduce discontentment among the poorer convicts, who resented those who were given cash by friends or relatives from the outside.

6. The Spanish-milled dollar or 8-real piece, comparable in size to the U.S. silver dollar, was readily accepted in colonial America. The Spanish-American coins (most were minted in Mexico City) were actually legal tender in the U.S. until 1857. Often these 8-real coins were cut up into eighths, in order to make small change. These 1/8 pieces were called "bits," with a value of about 12½ cents. Thus two pieces or two bits had the value of 25 cents.

7. When a coin is struck bearing a date of an earlier year, such a coin is a restrike. In earlier years restrikes were not uncommon. The best known examples were the famous 1804 silver dollars, none of which were made earlier than 1834.

8. This refers to prisoner of war token money that was used in many countries. The concepts of fair treatment for captured soldiers were discussed at the Hague International Peace Conference of 1899 and 1907. As a result, prisoner of war camps

in World War I provided the inmates with more than bare necessities. Nominal pay was given, not in cash, but in scrip or tokens that could be exchanged for items at the prison store. The reason for PW money was obvious. No country would want an escaped prisoner to have good currency or coin on his person. This would only increase the possibilities of a successful escape.

9. This refers to the first coins struck for Bermuda. This island is located in the Atlantic Ocean. Juan Bermudez, a Spaniard, discovered the islands in 1515, and preparatory to landing, supplies and a number of hogs were put ashore. A sudden gale forced the captain and his crew to set sail. Subsequently the swine, the island's only inhabitants, multiplied. Shipwrecks in 1593 and 1609 forced the people to occupy the island and the wild hogs helped them survive. The new colony went well except that there was a shortage of coin, needed for the small commercial transactions of the islands. This was overcome through the minting of crude brass coins with a value of 2, 3 and 6 pence and one shilling. One side showed a sailing vessel, while the other side showed a wild hog. The coins were undated but were believed to have been struck in 1616.

10. In 1797 President Adams sent three envoys to France in an effort to iron out monetary differences. When it was whispered in Paris that a properly placed bribe would be needed before the envoys would be received by French officials, C. C. Pinckney, leader of the delegation and minister to France, is said to have remarked: "War be it then, money for defense but not a cent for tribute." This remark was repeated in 1896 when differences again arose between the U.S. and France,

and the slogan appeared on copper tokens dated 1837.

11. The Maria Theresa dated 1780 is known as the Levant taler. It is still being struck and circulated today. Although the coin was dated, historians state that it was not struck until 1783 at the Vienna mint. For some unexplainable reason it came to be accepted as a trade coin in the middle East and because of its acceptance along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, known as the Levant, it became known as the Levant taler. It seems that the illiterate natives, in whatever country, recognized the design and details on the coin and always finding that bought what they wanted in trade, would not take a chance on a substitute.

12. Counterfeit Hebrew shekels and Roman coins are known to exist and these could have been cast more than 1900 years ago. Early English history tells us that during the 11th century the king punished convicted counterfeiters by having their hands cut off. Earlier in history, Romans burned the felons alive or threw them to the wild animals in the arena. In colonial America we know that certain unscrupulous colonists even counterfeited wampum. Still later, notes of the United Colonies bore the slogan "Tis Death to Counterfeit." The first recorded case of counterfeiting in Connecticut is that of Robert Fenton in 1699. Counterfeiting has flourished in recent years.

13. It is an unusual type of store money used by the natives of Yap Island located in the Caroline Islands 2500 miles southwest of Hawaii. They are various sized disks of wood with a hole through which has been drilled a fine hole. These disks range in size from 1/2 inch to 12 inches in diameter and weigh from one pound to 100 pounds.

even though its ownership has changed hands many times. Though too heavy to move it still serves its purpose as a medium of exchange. Its exact value is hard to determine, but it is reported that a 20-inch fei is worth in trade an 80 to 100 pound pig or 1,000 coconuts, and that a 4-foot stone will buy a wife.

14. It is legal to photograph both coins and paper money. Coins can be reproduced on flat surfaces. That is, they must not have any relief. Paper money, from any country in the world, is controlled more stringently. It is illegal to reproduce paper money on colored paper or with colored ink. The note must be either $1\frac{1}{2}$ times more or $\frac{3}{4}$ times less the size of the original and the reproductions may be used for educational or numismatic purposes only.

15. There are two reasons. One—a law passed on September 26, 1890 established that changes in the design of regular issue U.S. coins can not be made any more frequently than once every 25 years, unless a special bill is passed by Congress. Two—Treasury officials maintain the theory that it is harder to counterfeit our coins and currency if few changes are made in design, because people are accustomed to the various details, thus it will be easier to spot counterfeits than it would be if a number of designs were in circulation for one denomination.

16. This term applies to the first type of Liberty Head nickels struck early in 1883. These nickels had the letter V as the only designation of value. Because of their similarity in size and weight to a 5-dollar gold piece some opportunists gold plated them and passed them on unwary merchants as a new type of 5-dollar gold piece. Later the coin was altered by adding the word "CENTS" below the wreath on the reverse.

SECRETARY'S REPORT —

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IMAGINARY ANIMAL

An imaginary animal, the griffin, is found on the Maximilian silver one-peso pieces of 1866 and 1867, and the 20-peso gold piece of 1866. There is a griffin on either side of the shield which has a crowned Mexican eagle. The griffin is a mythological animal with the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion. It had its origin in Egypt, Persia and Assyria.

The Greeks placed these figures on the facades of temples and it is fabled that these imaginary beings fought with the barbarian inhabitants of the Northern regions of Europe over the gold in their country, and having taken possession of it were dedicated to guarding it. They loaned the shiny gold to Apollo who honored them to accompany him frequently.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—As space permits, the TNA NEWS will print letters of club activities entered in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE award. This is in hopes of directing other clubs in submitting their reports for the 1973 contest.)

SALUTE TO ALAMO & GATEWAY CLUBS!

. Entrants In 1973 Contest

The Alamo and Gateway Coin Clubs of San Antonio are featured this month. Let's see what they did.

"During the year, membership in the Alamo club grew to 60 and we find we have a fine cross-section of collecting interests: novice, old hands and juniors. We have moved our meeting place to the KSAT-TV conference room which is centrally located. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Tuesday of each month. Quarterly, we have a "Pot Luck Supper" and "Coin Bingo" with prizes of proof sets, proof dollars and BU coins. We have such events as auctions, regular drawings, exhibition coin swap night, coin quiz and coin identification quiz. Also, "White Elephant Sale," with proceeds going to the club or club book fund and at least once a year, the club duties are turned over to "Junior Night." Programs have been "Specific Gravity in Relation to Numismatics" - Porter Montgomery; "Currency of the Continental Congress" - Jim White; "Coins of Brunel", "Collecting Seychelles" and "Canadian Victory Nickels" - Lee Grossman; "FAO Coins" - Hse Griffith; "Odd Shaped Coins of the 20th Century", TNA slide set; "Odd Money" - Bob Krock; "Story of Wooden Money" - Ray Whyborn; "British Silver Coins" - Andy Holds; and "Coins of Special Significance", ANA slide set - Bob Krock & Ray Whyborn.

"We were pleased to have TNA President Lyman Bartee visit a joint Alamo and Gateway meeting and have Mr. Bartee install the new officers of the Alamo club. Other visitors were Capt. John Flano, now stationed in

the Philippines, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slate from Rock Springs, Wyo. The club participated in the Ft. Sam Houston Hobby Show and an exhibition meeting was held at Wilford Hall AFB Hospital. We also make book donations to the San Antonio Library. In addition to cards and flowers for fellow club members and fellow numismatists, we donated to the Heart Fund in memory of Col. Carmack, father of longtime member, Ted Carmack, now stationed in Germany.

"The club was pleased that Andy Holds was selected TNA Junior Numismatist for 1972. TNA achievement awards were given to Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herschleder for their contributions to the hobby.

"Publicity for meetings has been handled by placing notices with local dealers, passing out "business type" cards at shows and to prospective members; monthly bulletins, and news releases through newspapers and Com World.

"We feel that variety and innovation are the key to increasing club interest. We have found "Coin Bingo" and "Pot Luck Dinners" have been an excellent break from the normal routine. Hats off to Club President Lee Grossman and Vice President Bob Krock for their efforts in this regard. We thank you for this opportunity to "Blow the Horn" for our Alamo Coin Club." (Submitted by John M. Holds, Secretary)

"The Gateway club has 33 members and meets on the first and third Tuesdays at Mitchell Hall, Lackland AFB. Programs include auctions, buy boards and presentations by members.

Presentations have been topics on the three-cent silver pieces, grading survey, censored coins and currency of the U.S., 1840 era gold series, exhibit night at Wiltford Hall Medical Center, discussion of the GSA silver dollar sale, Booker T. Washington and George W. Carver commemorative halves, report of "Who's Who in the Hobby", Franklin half dollar die varieties, slides on gold coins and their types. Other activities were club barbecues and a Christmas party.

"Reports of the TNA convention held

in Dallas and the ANA convention in New Orleans were given by Ray Whyburn and other club members. Andy Hholds was presented a trophy for being chosen as TNA junior of the year.

"The club publishes a monthly bulletin describing programs and details of each meeting. Members also do their part in recruiting new members. Interest has been created through informative programs, auctions, prizes and activities that include all people attending our meetings."



CLUB SALUTE!

Texas Numismatic Association wishes to honor its chapter members so the Governing Board has established an award to salute the three top clubs of Texas. The awards will be made annually at the Governors' and Club Representatives' breakfast during TNA conventions. THE CLUB SALUTE AWARD will carry first, second and third honors. Clubs participating must be TNA members in good standing.

Here's all you do to enter competition—submit a typewritten report of club activities during the calendar year of 1973 no later than January 15, 1974 to the TNA News Editor, Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596 and include the following:

1. Name of club and how many members.
2. When and where meetings are held.
3. Types of programs and any special programs held during the year.
4. Special guests at meetings.
5. Exhibiting at meetings and outside events.
6. Charitable activities and donations.
7. Coin show activities.
8. Special honors bestowed upon club or any member.
9. Describe how your meetings and shows are publicized.
10. List any ideas your club has adopted to increase interest.

Additional consideration will be given for:

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2. Work done on a local level to increase club membership.
3. Local civic projects that enhanced the club locally and/or statewide.
4. Programs designated to continue and generate interest in the local coin club.
5. Particular actions employed to encourage junior membership locally and statewide.

GOOD LUCK!

WHEN & WHERE?

Traveling numismatists are sometimes seeking coin clubs to visit and the TNA News is endeavoring to supply such information. If your club welcomes visitors — let us know when and where your meetings are held. A new listing will be given each month. Send us the information —this is a service to your club and your members.

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SOUTH TEXAS ERROR CLUB

4th Monday, Chisum's Rock Shop, Pharr.

GREENBELT COIN CLUB

1st Monday, Wilbarger Memorial Bldg., Vernon.

PARIS COIN CLUB

2nd and 4th Tuesday, Gibraltar Hotel.

WICHITA FALLS COIN AND STAMP CLUB

2nd Thurs., YMCA.

OAK CLIFF COIN CLUB

3rd Tues., Guardian Savings and Loan Bldg., Dallas.

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

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